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The present listing of the claim replaces all past listings of the claim:

**Listing of the claim**

**Claim 1.** (Currently Amended) An automatic dishwashing machine detergent dispensing device comprising a detergent bar comprising a surfactant ~~an automatic dishwashing detergent composition or an automatic dishwashing detergent composition which includes a detergent additive~~, said detergent bar disposed within a channel, wherein the detergent bar completely fills at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an open end and an inlet aperture which is in communication with said open end.

**Claim 2.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a uniform bore, along its length or at least along the portion filled by the detergent bar.

**Claim 3.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel is a tube.

**Claim 4.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 4, wherein the tube is cylindrical.

**Claim 5.** (Cancelled)

**Claim 6.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a form similar to a drinking glass.

**Claim 7.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a plurality of open ends each of which being in communication with an inlet aperture.

**Claim 8.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a tube both ends of which are open.

**Claim 9.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the open end of the channel comprises the inlet aperture.

**Claim 10.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel has a secondary aperture.

**Claim 11.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture comprises a slit in the side of the channel.

**Claim 12.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the secondary aperture may comprise a plurality of separate apertures.

**Claim 13.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein a barrier is arranged around the periphery of the channel.

**Claim 14.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 13, wherein the barrier comprises a sleeve arranged around the exterior of the channel.

**Claim 15.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is larger than the holes of the dishwasher sieve.

**Claim 16.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein the diameter of the secondary aperture is less than 5mm.

**Claim 17.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device comprises a means to control the amount of wash liquor which contacts the detergent bar.

**Claim 18.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 17, wherein the means comprises a collecting funnel.

**Claim 19.** (Withdrawn) A device according to claim 18, wherein the collecting funnel has a drainage opening in its collecting portion.

**Claim 20.** (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the channel comprises a water-resistant or water insoluble material.

**Claim 21.** (Withdrawn) The use of an automatic washing machine detergent dispensing device in an automatic washing machine in an automatic washing machine process, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.

**Claim 22.** (Withdrawn) An automatic washing machine process, comprising the step of providing to an automatic washing machine a detergent dispensing device, wherein the device comprises a bar of detergent disposed within a channel, the detergent bar completely filling at least a portion of the channel across the entire bore of the channel, the channel having an aperture which is in communication therewith.